



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JASPER COUNTY CLEMENTA C. PINCKNEY BUILDING  
358 THIRD AVENUE RIDGELAND, SC 29936  
JANUARY 21, 2020  
MINUTES**

Call to Order – Chairman Etheridge called the meeting to order at approximately 5:11 P.M in order to enter into Executive Session.

Officials Present: Chairman Henry Etheridge, Councilman D. Thomas Johnson, Councilman L. Martin Sauls, IV, Councilman Dr. Curtis Brantley

Staff Present: County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Acting Clerk to Council Tisha L. Williams, County Attorney David Tedder, Director of Emergency Management Services Chief Frank Edwards, Administrative Services Director Kimberly Burgess, Information Technology Director Earl Bostick, Jr., Economic Development Coordinator Danny Lucas, Planning and Building Director Lisa Wagner

Upon Motion by Councilman Johnson as Councilman Brantley seconds to enter into Council Executive Session to discuss matters as listed on the posted Agenda, the Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

**Executive Session**

**Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body; however, if an adversary hearing involving the employee or client is held, the employee or client has the right to demand that a hearing be conducted publicly. Nothing contained in this item shall prevent the public body, in its discretion, from deleting the names of the other employees or clients whose records are submitted for use at the hearing – [Clerk to Council, Magistrate Office](#)**

**Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements and proposed purchase or sale of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice related to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim – [Able Contracting, Club Karma, Levy Volunteer Fire Department, CMK2 Hardeeville LLC, Rivers Reach, Cherry Point Fire District](#)**

**Discussion regarding development of security personnel or devices – [Information Technology](#)**

**Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by a public body – [Section 30-4-70\(a\)\(5\) – Jasper Ocean Terminal \(JOT\), Prospect Update](#)**

Councilman Sauls moves and Councilman Johnson seconds the motion to return to Open Session. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

Return to Open Session at approximately 7:04 P.M.

Chairman Etheridge asked if there are any matters to be brought forward from Executive Session.

There was nothing that needed action.

Chairman Etheridge moved to have Executive Session come to a close.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Sauls and in unison

Invocation given by Councilman Brantley

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Councilman Johnson moved as Councilman Sauls seconds the Motion to approve the Agenda as previously posted and presented. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting.

#### **Approval of the Minutes – January 6, 2020**

Councilman Sauls moved to approve the Minutes of January 6, 2020 as Councilman Johnson seconds the motion. All Members present voting in favor, motion passes to approve the Minutes.

Chairman Etheridge apologized for coming out of Executive Session so late and that the Council will work on coming out a little sooner.

#### **Presentations and Proclamations**

##### **Jessica Daley – Lowcountry Council of Governments (LCOG) – Public Hearing – Jasper County 2020 Needs Assessment**

Ms. Daley stated that she wanted to tell everyone about what the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) could do before the Public Hearing portion. The SC CDBG Program is designed to provide assistance to units of local government in improving economic opportunities and meeting community revitalization needs, particularly for persons of low and moderate income (LMI). For the residents of Jasper County, the LMI Qualification is based from 30% Limits, 50% Limits and 80% limits. As an example, if there is a (1 Person) Household, at 30% limit that person's family income would be \$12,490, at 50% \$18,700 and at 80% \$29,900 which means they would still qualify for assistance at the average family median family income for the area is \$44,400.00. The CDBG program has been funded through the State since 1982 by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing Community Development Act of 1974 as amended (Title I). The Annual allocation from HUD for the program is administered by SC Department of Commerce-Division of Grant Administration. SC has been allotted approximately \$20,128,358 in CDBG funds for 2020. Ms. Daley advised that the State's Draft Action Plan for 2020 still open for comments which can be submitted from now until February 4, 2020 via email to [lross@sccommerce.com](mailto:lross@sccommerce.com) or by mail to SC Department of Commerce. There are (3) broad grant program categories: Community Development, Business Development and Regional Planning. The Community Development Program is further broken down into several subcategories to address infrastructure, community facilities, and neighborhood

priorities as follows; Community Infrastructure (Spring Round) which is water, sewer, drainage and roads. The minimum funding amount \$50,000 the maximum \$750,000. You could ask for a waiver and request a \$1,000,000,000. Community Enrichment (Fall Round) Brownfield Projects/Demolition Obsolete Buildings, Downtown Streetscape Improvements, Libraries, Fire Substations, Public Facilities. The Minimum funding amount would be \$50,000, maximum \$500,000 – with \$750,000.00 for streetscape projects. The Special Projects are the Ready to Go Projects as they do not have a timeline. All of the grants require a 10% match from the County. The Home Consortium Grants is the one Individuals could apply for in the Counties of Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, Jasper and all 21 municipalities in the region. Individuals could apply under the Top Three Objectives which are Rehabilitation of substandard housing, Increase accessibility to adequate and affordable housing and Support the development and availability of safe, decent and affordable housing. Owner occupied homes would need to have the owner's name on the deed in order to request assistance with repairs to their home.

#### Chairman Etheridge opens the floor to Public Comment regarding the Public Hearing for the Assessment

##### **Stuart and Rachel Shatz – Hardeeville**

Mr. Shatz stated that they live in the Levy section of Hardeeville and are having problems with their septic systems. Mr. Shatz stated that he made a call to LCOG today to inquire what could be done regarding adding more sewer lines to the area. Mr. Shatz added that a lot of people are having issues with their septic systems and asks the Council to consider using the CDBG funding that is available to add more sewer lines to the Hardeeville area. Chairman Etheridge stated that he understood what Mr. Shatz was mentioning and that he believes that the County will be probably be meeting with the Beaufort-Jasper Water Sewer Authority (BJWSA) some time soon.

##### **John Kemp – Bluffton**

Mr. Kemp stated that funds are required for the Levy Community Center, that's being used a "polling place" adding that the conditions of the place are "Disgraceful" and there is no padding for ADA vans adding that he would like to suggest the County Council consider looking into the CDBG Grants for adequate funding to fix such issues.

Ms. Daley added that the Council get a change to rank their needs and get back to the Lowcountry Council of Governments regarding what they need. Councilman Johnson stated that Jasper County is underrepresented under applying for such grants, adding that he isn't sure if the County and those in the County are proud to ask or not streetwise enough to know that the funding is there. Councilman Johnson added that when he visits the Lowcountry Council of Governments and get the report, he notices that Jasper County is not getting it's fair share of funding as many are not asking for it. Councilman Johnson stated that if those in attendance knows someone that is elderly and in need of assistance to contact LCOG. Councilman Brantley inquired of Ms. Daley if LCOG makes Public Announcements of such opportunities. Ms. Daley answered that they do as they attend many Town and County Meetings and if anyone knows someone that could use the help to send them their way.

##### **Chief Frank Edwards – Recognition of Promotion to Fire and EMS Lieutenant – Garrett Lucas**

Chief Edwards added that he is proud to promote Mr. Garrett Lucas to the position of Lieutenant. Garrett has been a Member of the department since 2005, he's been on numerous work groups and committees to help improve the Organization, even being on the LATS Group to help design the new fire apparatuses that should be coming in any minute. Chief Edwards that Mr. Lucas serves in the Emergency Operation

Center and also as a Part-time Public Information Officers and Mr. Lucas wife Sarah, win be pinning him into the position of Lieutenant. Mrs. Sarah Lucas pins Lieutenant Lucas as many applaud the promotion.

#### **Council Chairman Henry Etheridge – Presentation to Councilman D. Thomas Johnson**

Chairman Etheridge stated that he had a presentation to make to Councilman Johnson for his service as Chairman of the County Council for the past two years. Chairman Etheridge presented a plaque to Councilman Johnson that read: **Presented In Recognition and Appreciation to D. Thomas Johnson. For your Exemplary Leadership and Selfless Acts of Time and Dedication As Chairman Of The Jasper County Council. Your Attention To Detail And Outstanding Work Ethics Have Drive This Organization To A Level That Has Prospered. YOUR EXTRAORDINARY EFFORS ESTABLISH A BENCHMARK OF LEADERSHIP FOR EVERYONE TO FOLLOW. This Plaque Is Award On This 21<sup>st</sup> Day of January, 2020. All in attendance Celebrated Councilman Johnson in his receiving of his Plaque**

#### **Open Floor to the Public**

Per ordinance 08-17 any citizen of the County may sign to speak before the Council on matters pertaining to County Services and Operations. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes and total public input will be limited to 30 minutes.

Chairman Etheridge opens the floor to the Public.

#### **John Kemp**

Mr. Kemp questioned the Resolution X-A regarding exempting extraordinary circumstances, questioning if that meant every time equipment needs to be purchased, there doesn't need to be a bid and if it's \$5k or less does that Manager do it or if it's in case of an emergency. Chairman Etheridge advised Mr. Kemp that they would get a letter sent to him from the County Treasurer as to how it's done.

#### **Morris Lawyer**

Mr. Lawyer stated that he's there again about the Mobile home ordinance adding that from the "looks of things" there are a lot of people who have concerns. Mr. Lawyer added that he did attend the last Planning Commission Meeting as instructed by Council and tried to work with them on some things. Councilman Brantley inquired from Mr. Lawyer if he was saying that as a part of meeting he wasn't impressed or happy with the changes that were made to the Ordinance? Mr. Lawyer answered that he was not as he wasn't in age requirement and relocation portion of the Ordinance. Chairman Etheridge stated that if Council passes the Ordinance tonight and they come back to the Council with a group of people with their issues to the Ordinance, the Council may amend it, adding that it's been too long to get the Ordinance together.

#### **Rev. Elijah White**

Rev. White stated that he and quite a few residents in attendance are experiencing water and sewer issue in the Ordinance in the Cherry Hill area, adding that it will disrupt the area. Chairman Etheridge thanked Rev. White for bring the issues to the Council's attention and the Council will be getting back to him.

#### **Ruby Dupont**

Ms. Dupont stated that her concern where she lives which is on Hwy 462, Greenplace, adding that they have a "cesspool and land water" and requests that if water is able come through, would they be able to put more than one trailer on the property? And if it would make a difference? Councilman Sauls stated that it might. Chairman Etheridge stated that it might be something Council may need to look at and if the

Ordinance passes tonight, it maybe something that Council would need to look at. Chairman Etheridge stated that he will ask the County Administrator and the County Treasurer to get back with her in writing regarding a possible tax increase if the value of the property increase due to the Ordinance as she stated that she is concerned that it may cause concern for those who are "set" financially paying their taxes on that property.

Chairman Etheridge closes the floor.

#### Resolutions

**David Tedder – Public Hearing and Consideration of a Resolution pursuant to Section 2-415(a) of the Jasper County Code of Ordinances finding unusual and extraordinary circumstances, exempting the proposed purchase of various computer hardware, software and associated services, authorizing the County Administrator to create the contracts and obtain the services on behalf of Jasper County, and matters related thereto.**

Mr. Tedder stated in response to a public comment question earlier in the night that the Jasper County Procurement Ordinance has certain items exempt from bidding requirements, adding that if there is a section after a public hearing, if there is something that presents an extraordinary circumstance that makes it not well suited for a public bid, the Council can award a Contract without that public solicitation. In this case, what was being dealt with was the security measures, software, hardware, upgrades and repairs that was required because of the malware attack at the end of September 2019. Because of aged and condition of equipment that shared across the board from all types of private, public sectors someone got in and it worked on our software. State Government officials were made aware and recommended what the County needed, so that this sort of attack does not happen again the future. The Resolution recognizes what needed to be done to become operational, what the cost were for that and how much money was from insurances in which it cost less than the County thought and cost \$90,000 just to "get operational" again. State and Federal Governments were offering the County software and the reason the software information is not made public is due to someone maybe out looking to enter in again through those very same software programs that are now in place to protect the County. The State pointed out that there are still some weaknesses that need to be fixed which are aged equipment. The State has offered \$200,000.00 to be used and phased in portions at a time to correct the issues. The Governments that are working with the County also pointed out that the County would be better served by having dedicated networking cyber security people on the County Staff, so the Resolution authorizes the declassification of a Contract Employee to a County Employee to create a position of a Cyber Administrator. THE CAD system is used across the board in all sorts groups, not just Jasper County and they recommended that the CAD system would need to be removed.

Chairman Etheridge opens the floor to the Public.

No one signed up for the public hearing.

Chairman Etheridge closes the floor.

Councilman Sauls moved as Councilman Brantley seconds the Motion. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting



## Ordinances

**Lisa Wagner** – Public Hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Article 6, Use Regulations, Section 6:1 – Table 1, and Article 11:7, Industry Specific Conditional Use Regulations, of the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance, to allow retail sales of motor vehicles in the Community Commercial Zoning District as a conditional use

Ms. Wagner stated that the proposed Ordinance would allow a small-scale automobile dealership as a conditional use in the Community Commercial Zoning district. Those conditions consist of one acre minimum lot size, automobile hood should not be propped up as a form of advertisement or to draw attention, no banners allowed, the maximum automobiles should not exceed twenty-five, retail sale of automobile parts shall not be allowed, maintenance service or dismantling of automobile shall not be allowed, outside storage shall not be allowed, outdoor speaker systems shall not be allowed. Hours of operation are limited to Monday through Saturday from 8am to 8pm, a structure of 400 square feet must be provided for an office and restroom facility. These conditions are aimed to project commercial and residential properties.

Chairman Etheridge opens the floor to the public.

No one signed for your Public Hearing

Chairman Etheridge closed the floor.

Councilman Sauls moves as Councilman Johnson seconds the Motion, All Members present voting in Favor and the Motion passes.

**Lisa Wagner** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of Jasper County so as to **amend the Definition of Manufactured Home Article 4, Definitions**, so as to add *Family Estate* to Article 6:1 – Table 1, *Permitted Uses and Conditional Uses*; amend Article 11:7, *Industry Specific Conditional Uses Regulations*, so as to add conditions for Manufactured Housing – Second Unit and Family Estates; and amend Article 12:9, *Manufactured Housing*, so as to add additional requirements related to Manufactured Housing and Relating Items.

Ms. Wagner mentioned that the Jasper County Council had a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Ordinance October 21, 2019 making it a total of four public hearings. At the November 4, 2019 County Council Meeting, the Ordinance was sent back to the Planning Commission, the Planning Commission reviewed the Ordinance at their December 10, 2019 Meeting. Ms. Wager stated that they heard concerns from several of the citizens who did attend the meeting. There have been no changes to the Ordinance since the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading at the November Council Meeting with the exception of (1) change. The Planning Commission recommends that the Ordinance be revised to state that a manufactured home that is 30 years old, that already exist in the County be allowed to be relocated in the County, if the owner provided an Inspection Report, certified by a SC License Engineer, stating that the Manufactured home is structurally sound and that the habitability standards are met. The exact wording of the change is located on page 8 of the Ordinance. Other than that, there have been no other changes adding that the County would no longer be responsible to certifying the mobile home and the homeowner should be responsible for making sure the home is certified. Concerning water and sewer concerns from tonight's public comments, the ordinance would amend **Article 4 Zoning Ordinance** to change the definition of Manufactured Housing to adopt the State's definition. This

Ordinance would amend **Article 6** of the Zoning Amendment to allow a 2<sup>nd</sup> Manufactured home to be located on a parcel of record that is of conditional use. Another Amendment to **Article 6** would be to add in the use chart of family estates to allow multiple homes on heirs estate for conditional use. Councilman Johnson motioned to approve Ordinance and Councilman Sauls second. Chairman Etheridge opened it for discussion. Councilman Brantley asked for clarity on the portion of the Ordinance that would allow up to 12 mobile homes on the property based on size, and exactly what is the size? Ms. Wagner advised that they wanted to keep in sync the density that's already allowed in the Residential Zone and the Rural Preservation Zone. If you have property that is zoned Residential and you have 1-acre of land, you could have (2) Manufactured homes. If your property is zoned Rural Preservation and have 1-acre of land, you can only have (1) Manufactured home on the property, adding that because the minimum lot size is 1-acre in Residential. For properties that are 25 acres in size, are ruled Rural Preservation, there are a few exceptions. Councilman Brantley asked that in observation of persons who are in opposition to Ms. Wagner's presentation, were they there to express their concerns. Ms. Wagner advised that some people have. Councilman Brantley asked if any changes were made based upon the responses of those person(s) who were present with concerns. Ms. Wagner added that many of the provisions that's been made over the past few months have been because they were trying to address the concerns of the Residents. The amendment made tonight in regard to not being to relocate a (30) year old home was addressed in the Ordinance. Councilman Brantley asked Ms. Wagner, what "feel" positive or negative, did she get from those in attendance at the Planning Commission after their concerns were addressed? Ms. Wagner stated that she believes that those in attendance at the meeting knows that the Planning Commission is trying to work with them, adding that prior to the Ordinance, Residents could only have (1) Manufactured home on heirs property and believes it's just many not knowing what was already "in the books" citing that the Ordinance more-so helped. Councilman Brantley thanked Ms. Wagner. Councilman Johnson asked Ms. Wagner if it was safe to say that in regard to the number of homes on a lot, everything in the new ordinance is more lenient or more generous than in the existing Ordinance. Ms. Wagner added that it is, as it helps more families. Some of the Ordinance was started due to people who wanted to use Heirs property as a source of income but did not want to put the proper structures in place for it. Councilman Johnson inquired for his understanding that it's nothing really bad in the ordinance, it's just that it doesn't go far enough. Ms. Wagner agreed that is the case. Councilman Sauls stated that they have put in a lot of work to make sure this Ordinance worked, understanding the seriousness of how something like could affect people's lives. Adding that as the Chairman stated to Rev. White, that they could always go back and look at the Ordinance to make an amendment as he does not have all the answers but looks for community input and advice to help those in the community. Chairman Etheridge added that the changes that's been to made to family/heirs property was a tremendous change, stating that it might not be everything everyone wanted but you could always go back to make an amendment if needed.

Councilman Brantley voted in opposition to the motion for the adoption of the Ordinance, those who voted in favor passed the motion.

## **New Business**

### **Danny Lucas – Request to Submit Application for 2020 Census Outreach and Promotion**

Mr. Lucas stated that as a result of having a Complete Count Committee for 2020 Census and no funding in this year's budget for outreach and promotion of the Census, the Complete Count Committee came across a grant opportunity that would allow funds to help in promotion. The Committee is asking for permission to apply for up to \$2,500 from the SC Grant makers Network who are also working with the United Way. The funding would be used for hard to reach, hard to count communities. There are (3)

categories of people that will be reached, those who are in homes with out technology or ways literacy, those who are in the elderly communities and those who are in the immigrant population. Mr. Lucas asked if they could apply under the Jasper County Tax-ID for funding and if they could use County vehicles in that time to use to go out in the community for outreach. Councilman Brantley asked Mr. Lucas to confirm his attempts in sharing with Council the importance of the 2020 Census. Mr. Lucas stated that was correct. Councilman Brantley asked if any outreach has been made to Pastors etc in the community to get them involved to make sure that as many participate. Mr. Lucas stated that there have been through the Ministerial Outreach that was done back in October 2019 and a couple of the Complete Count Committee members are working on the Baptist association, so all faith-based organizations will be outreached. Mr. Lucas stated that he wanted to apologize to the County as he was a little embarrassed for the County as in 2010 on 68% of the County participated in the Census, which is another reason why they are asking for permission to apply for the grant to help increase the numbers this year.

Councilman Sauls moves as Councilman Brantley seconds the Motion, All Members present voting in Favor and the Motion passes. Councilman Sauls thanked Mr. Lucas for doing such a good job on the 2020 Census. Councilman Johnson added that there's millions of dollars that goes into the areas of Cities and States, based upon your representation.

#### **Frank Edwards – Request to Purchase Emergency Dispatch Center Software**

Chief Edwards requests the approval from Council to purchase Emergency Medical Dispatch System Software for the Communication Center in the amount of \$61,420. This will include the cost for an interface with the current system and 80% of the cost is eligible for reimbursement by the State by 911 funds. The software will prioritize calls based on emergencies. Councilman Sauls moved to approve and Councilman Brantley seconds the motion. All present voting in favor. Motion passes. Councilman Johnson inquired if the software would determine what vehicles “get sent” in cases of emergencies. Chief Edwards said yes at there will be a reduction in the amount of vehicles that are responding.

#### **Frank Edwards – Request to Expend Funds for Purchase and/or Repair County Emergency Communications Systems Generator**

Chief Edwards requests the approval from Council to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for the repair and/or replacement of the generator at the Central Tower Facility for the County Emergency Communications system. The generator had a recent malfunction and a loaner is currently being used. Councilman Sauls moves as Councilman Brantley seconds the Motion. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

#### **Kim Burgess – Compensation Study**

Ms. Burgess ask Council to approve the County Administrator to negotiate and execute a Contract for a Classification and Compensation Study with Management Advisory Group International. The proposal amount was \$24,950. Ms. Burgess added the County Human Resources Director reached out to four companies that provide this particular service, based on names that other counties are using through prior experience. Only two of the four companies responded, in which Management Advisory Group was the lowest in proposal amounts and they also had very positive recommendations from other counties that used them.

Councilman Sauls moves as Councilman Brantley seconds the Motion. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting in favor. Councilman Brantley stated that as he read through the attachment, Ms. Burgess reported the cost is \$24,000, where was the \$42,000 cost that was given in packet as opposed to what was mentioned. Ms. Burgess stated that it was the other company which was \$42,500. Councilman Brantley inquired if the company have worked with any local companies, Ms. Burgess replied



yes, as the company worked with Beaufort County and many others that's listed in his packet. Councilman Johnson added that he's not sure he understands the importance of classification, as he was concerned that information didn't seem to address the main issue the County is having which is competition with private enterprises. For example, it doesn't state what it would take to keep a "dump truck operator" and etc. Ms. Burgess stated that they didn't ask for that in the scope of work they originally requested. However, they may need to go back and ask for that scope of work to be completed in a separate study. Chairman Etheridge asked if wages were asked to be a part of the study. Ms. Burgess stated that it's a part of the Compensation study.

#### **New Business**

##### **Andrew Fulghum – Transportation Sales Tax Project – Intersection of US 278 and Medical Center Drive**

Mr. Fulghum stated that he prepared a memo in Council's packet, adding the name is a little confusing and the issue was addressed at the last workshop concerning the Transportation Sales Tax Project – which was held in Hardeeville. Mr. Fulghum advised that the County has been working with the City of Hardeeville on the particular request. The official title would be the City of Hardeeville- Jasper County Exit 8 and US278 Improvement Project area. Mr. Fulghum showed a graph which is the same as the Contractual contact that was done in the Commerce Park Road. The scope that's presented by the City of Hardeeville, provided by Alliance Engineering includes a number of improvements to Brickyard Rd and Medical Center Drive. The entrance to Medial Center road is on hold at the moment as due to traffic changes, it has now become a project and DOT is aware. Mr. Fulghum recommends that the scope by the City of Hardeeville be accepted. And to consider striking from the proposed Henry Moss Blvd, which is south of Route 278 for a number of reasons, which one being it is a private road. Mr. Fulghum asked Council to consider making a motion on (2) items which is to accept the scope of the work and improvements to Henry Moss Blvd and to finish out the Contract to update the budge and to have it ready for the February 3, 2020 Council Meeting. Councilman Sauls moves and Councilman Brantley seconds the motion. Councilman Johnson asked if there was any sort of prioritization/economic development grant to match any of what's been proposed? Mr. Fulghum answered no as he failed to recognize that as there is no proposed grants to match. Councilman Johnson inquired if there was any economic development incentive for this project? Mr. Fulghum replied that he thinks that it supports the hospital, the City and the County. All Present voted in favor and motion passes.

#### **Council Members' Comments**

**Councilman Brantley** stated that he attended the Dr. Martin Luther King Unity Breakfast in Beaufort hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. Councilman Brantley added that he brought back a souvenir booklet and Service Award that he received from those who honored him at the breakfast to see.

**Councilman Johnson** stated that he had nothing in particular to report with the exception that he had a number of interactions in relation to the Port, of which none was very encouraging and that he hopes to be able to make more public comments on that in the next few weeks, hopefully with improvement with the way he feels right now.

**Councilman Sauls** reminded everyone of the State of the County Breakfast January 29, 2020 at 8:30am the Palmetto Electric Building in Hardeeville. Also, on Friday at 10:30, there will be the Royal Live Oaks Ribbon Cutting in Hardeeville and encouraged everyone to attend.

Chairman Etheridge apologized for coming out late and he appreciated everyone who came out to make a public comment. Chairman Etheridge also thanked the Mayor of Hardeeville, Harry Williams and the Superintendent of Jasper County Schools, Dr. Anderson for attending the meeting. Also, the Chairman thanked the Chairman of the Republican Party, Karen Wiles for coming out. Chairman Etheridge stated that he attended the Jasper County Fire Rescue Awards Program a week ago and that it was put together nicely and that there were a lot of people there that deserved to be recognized. Chairman Etheridge stated that he wanted to know before he leaves the Council meeting tonight, if any had been turned down for a mobile home.

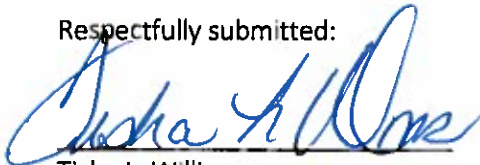
Administrator's Report presented to Council by Mr. Fulghum for informational purposes, also adding that several positions are in need of appointments.

Adjourn

Councilman Brantley moved and Councilman Sauls seconds the Motion to adjourn. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting in favor. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Tisha L. Williams  
Acting Clerk to Council

Approved:

  
Henry Etheridge  
Chairman